

Greetings! Here are the minutes from the 12MAY99 ACP meeting. They are slightly delayed due to the PEMEX spill. For the 15 September meeting we will discuss lessons learned from the PEMEX spill. At the bottom of the minutes is the web address for the SDACP. Also included is an excel spreadsheet with the attendees from the last meeting and how to contact them. If you are unable to open excel please look for the minutes and member list in the mail.

MINUTES OF THE SAN DIEGO AREA COMMITTEE MEETING 12MAY99 0900 - 1100

USCG Activities San Diego

San Diego, California

1. The meeting began at 0900 in the Coast Guard Activities Training room
2. The San Diego Area Committee Coordinator, ENS Chris Lee began the meeting with introductions and welcoming.
3. John Owens opened with a review of the INCIDENT COMMAND STAFF section of the ACP. His recommendations for changes were: 1. The Plan needs to be more focused. The Plan reads as a planing guide instead of an actual plan. 2. The agencies involved with NRDA need to be included in the plan with a brief summary of what that agency provides. 3. There needs to be a list of qualified people that can fill ICS billets. 4. Wiring diagrams of the ICS structure need to be included so people know where they fit and whom they report to. 5. Brief job descriptions for each job should be included in the Plan. 6. Due to the uniqueness of the San Diego Area with respect to the Navy there needs to be a graphic representation of how the Navy will fit into the structure in the event of a major response. 7. Need more positive comments and suggestions, as it is, it is too generic. 8. References should be made to the FOG instead of actually reprinted in the ACP
4. Anthony Buck continued with a review of the LOGISTICS/ FINANCE section of the ACP. His recommendations for changes were: 1. All of the names, phone numbers and equipment lists need to be updated. 2. ACTI needs to be added to the list. 3. Navy assets need to be combined into one source since the Navy has reorganized its response organization. 4. Equipment in other areas should be listed because it can be accessed quickly but does not reside in the area. CDR Joe Servidio cautioned that we do not want to misrepresent what equipment is actually available in the area for immediate deployment. LT Mark Cunningham suggested that this section be all-inclusive for any type of emergency that may occur in the area. Many of the resources are the same regardless of the actual emergency. This section should be maintained on the web site and updated quarterly. CDR Joe Servidio emphasized that during an emergency situation people will likely not have access to a web site and that a hard copy would be the only practical means of finding resources.
5. Robin Lewis presented recommendations for the PLANNING section. 1. The section mostly just needs to be editorially updated. 2. When the new state preapproval process is completed it needs to be included in the Plan. 3. The State's most recent policy on in situ burning and bioremediation need to be included and the folks in OSPR are working on the revisions to policy. 3. The spill scenarios, which used to be in the Plan, should be reintroduced. The old scenarios are outdated or simply do not apply anymore. New scenarios need to be created using a workshop style process. Heather Parker Hall volunteered to head up the effort to create new scenarios. LT Mark Cunningham recommended that: 1. The RRT list should be updated as most of the positions have turned over. 2 The section that discusses the CG overriding State authority on in situ burning be re-worded. It is confusing how this policy is written. 3. The section on bio remediation should be rewritten to show that this is not a new technology and that it is a viable option in certain circumstances.
6. LT Mark Cunningham presented his recommendations for changes to the OPERATIONS section. 1. The Plan needs to address who the NRC notifies when they get notified. 2. Most of the ICS stuff should be referenced to the FOG instead of being printed in the Plan. 3. The most commonly used ICS forms should be referenced or listed. 4. The use of CG Administrative orders needs to be explained as they are frequently used in responses.

7. Tom Amibile was unable to attend the meeting to present his recommendations for the HAZMAT section. He supplied them to ENS Chris Lee after the meeting and they are included here. 1. The Plan should include a description of duties and a list of qualifications for members of the Hazardous Incident Response Team(HIRT)

8. John Owens discussed what the extensive efforts the Navy has put forth to reduce marine pollution. The Navy in San Diego started a Regional Oil Spill Working Group (ROSWG) with full Coast Guard participation to identify the root causes of spills and take action to prevent future spills. The ROSWG has been so successful in bringing about changes that the idea has been exported to Hampton Roads. The Hampton Roads ROSWG recently met for the first time. The San Diego ROSWG has received the attention of both the Pacific and Atlantic Area Commanders and the Chief of Naval Operations will be briefed soon. Determining the root cause of the spills has effected changes to take place. Some of the changes are easily fixed; others are much more problematic. The Navy is split up into a multitude of different commands and contains many different types of ships. This often creates difficulties in creating changes that reach all of the different commands in the SD area and Navy wide.

9. CDR Joe Servidio passed out two graphs, which illustrated sources of pollution in San Diego Bay for the last three years. Concluded that Navy spills have decreased, but spills from recreational boats have increased. CDR Servidio spoke, on behalf of CDR Mike Farley who had to be in Washington D.C., on USCG efforts to reduce pollution from recreational boating activities. CDR Mike Farley created the San Diego Boating and Environmental Education Coalition to coordinate efforts to reduce pollution from rec. boating and educate boaters on safe boating. Historically in San Diego there were many different groups conducting outreach to boaters but many of the efforts were duplicative or ineffective. By bringing all of these groups together, outreach programs have been able to reach more boaters and focus on more problems. The coalition is focusing on sewage from rec boaters, oil spills, HAZMAT disposal, personal watercraft safety and rules of the road education. The Boaters Coalition has eliminated duplicative efforts and greatly increased the effectiveness of the outreach programs.

10. ENS Chris Lee went over the timeline for the current ACP revision. CDR Servidio stated that the Plan has come a long way from where it was and for the most part just needs some minor tweaking and updating. The only way this will be done and meet the timeline is with the help of all of the Committee Members.

11. A question was raised about Coast Guard efforts to identify potential land based pollution sources. QM2 Don Bergeson responded that the CG has completed 70% of the risk assessment for the SD Area and that the assessment will be completed by the end of the year.

12. Miscellaneous comments and requests.

JOHN OWENS - If the FOG is going to be referenced, then everyone needs to get a new one.

ENS LEE - I will look into getting the new FOGs and how we can get one to all plan holders.

ROBIN LEWIS - We should meet more often and discuss recent cases that occurred in the Area.

CDR SERVIDIO -Next ACP meeting should be scheduled. The Committee agreed to meet **on 15SEP99 at 1000 at the USCG Activities San Diego Training room.**

The Committee also agreed to review the recommendations from the meeting minutes and provide any comments to ENS Chris Lee via E-mail at clee@d11.uscg.mil or by phone at (619) 683-6486. If no opposing comments are made then the recommended changes will be made.

13. ENS Chris Lee adjourned the meeting at 1100.

Per many members' requests here is the web site for the SD ACP:

<http://www.uscg.mil/pacarea/pm/graphic/sdaccp.htm>.

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